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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please enter the following amendment in this application.

At line 1, please enter the following paragraph:

--This is a continuation of copending application serial number 08/412,498 filed on March 28, 1995.--

Please cancel Claims 1-14 and add the following claims.

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--15 A method for detecting a mobile nucleic acid comprising the steps of:
 providing an assay plate having a dried aliquot of an immobilized nucleic acid bound thereon, said immobilized nucleic acid binding said mobile nucleic acid when both said immobilized nucleic acid and said mobile nucleic acid are in a set state;
 bringing a solution containing said mobile nucleic acid into contact with said dried aliquot;
 washing said assay plate;
 drying said washed assay plate;